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The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ordered the application returned to the Examiner for

- (1) consideration of the IDS filed January 26, 2004; and
- (2) a determination regarding the status of claims 4 and 47-49.

(1) Accordingly, the IDS has been considered and an initialed and signed copy has been included in this communication.

(2) Regarding the status of claims 4 and 47-49, the grounds of rejection listed in the Examiner's Answer and the Final Rejection inadvertently omitted the listing of claims 4 and 47-49. Accordingly, the grounds of rejection should list as follows:

Claims 1-17, 27-32, 40, 41, and 47-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over French-st. George et al (U.S. Patent 6,012,030) in view of Matthews (U.S. Patent 4,481,384 A); and

Claims 18-26, 33-39, and 42-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over French-st. George et al & Matthews as applied to claims 1, 2, 27, and 28, in view of Jenkins (U.S. Patent 6,377,793).

### ***Conclusion***

The IDS has been considered and the status of claims 4 and 47-49 has clarified as ordered by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Angela A. Armstrong whose telephone number is 571-272-7598. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 11:30-8:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richemond Dorvil can be reached on 571-272-7602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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